

Claim 1 (twice amended) A catheter water barrier comprising:

one layer of waterproof material having a front side, a back side, and two channels along opposing edges of said one layer of waterproof material;

a relatively long tie down strip which is disposed through said two channels; and

a pair of flaps which are formed within said back side of said one layer of said waterproof material and which cooperatively form a catheter reception pouch which is formed upon said back side of said one layer of waterproof material, wherein said one layer of waterproof material is adapted to healingly abut an individual's skin over a catheter, effective to prevent a liquid from entering said catheter, said catheter reception pouch being adapted to receive said catheter and to allow said received catheter to protrude away from said front side while being contained within said pouch .

Claim 2 (previously presented): The catheter water barrier of claim 1 wherein said section of waterproof material is generally rectangular in shape.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The catheter water barrier of claim 1 wherein said catheter water barrier further comprises a pair of flaps having longitudinal axes, said flaps being coupled to said section of waterproof material to provide a pouch portion.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The catheter water barrier of claim 3 wherein said longitudinal axes of said pair of flaps are substantially perpendicular to said channels.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The catheter water barrier of claim 3 wherein said longitudinal axes of said pair of flaps are substantially parallel to said channels.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The catheter water barrier of claim 1 wherein said section of waterproof material is formed from a polymer material.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The catheter water barrier of claim 1 wherein said tie down strip is formed from a nylon material.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A catheter water barrier comprising a generally rectangular waterproof polymer barrier portion having two channels and a relatively long nylon tie-strip which is disposed through said two channels.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The catheter water barrier of claim 8 wherein said two channels are disposed along opposing edges of said barrier portion.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The catheter water barrier of claim 8 wherein said two channels form an "X"-shaped pattern across said barrier portion.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The catheter water barrier of claim 10 wherein said two channels intersect at the approximate center of said barrier portion.